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Future Highways
Research Group



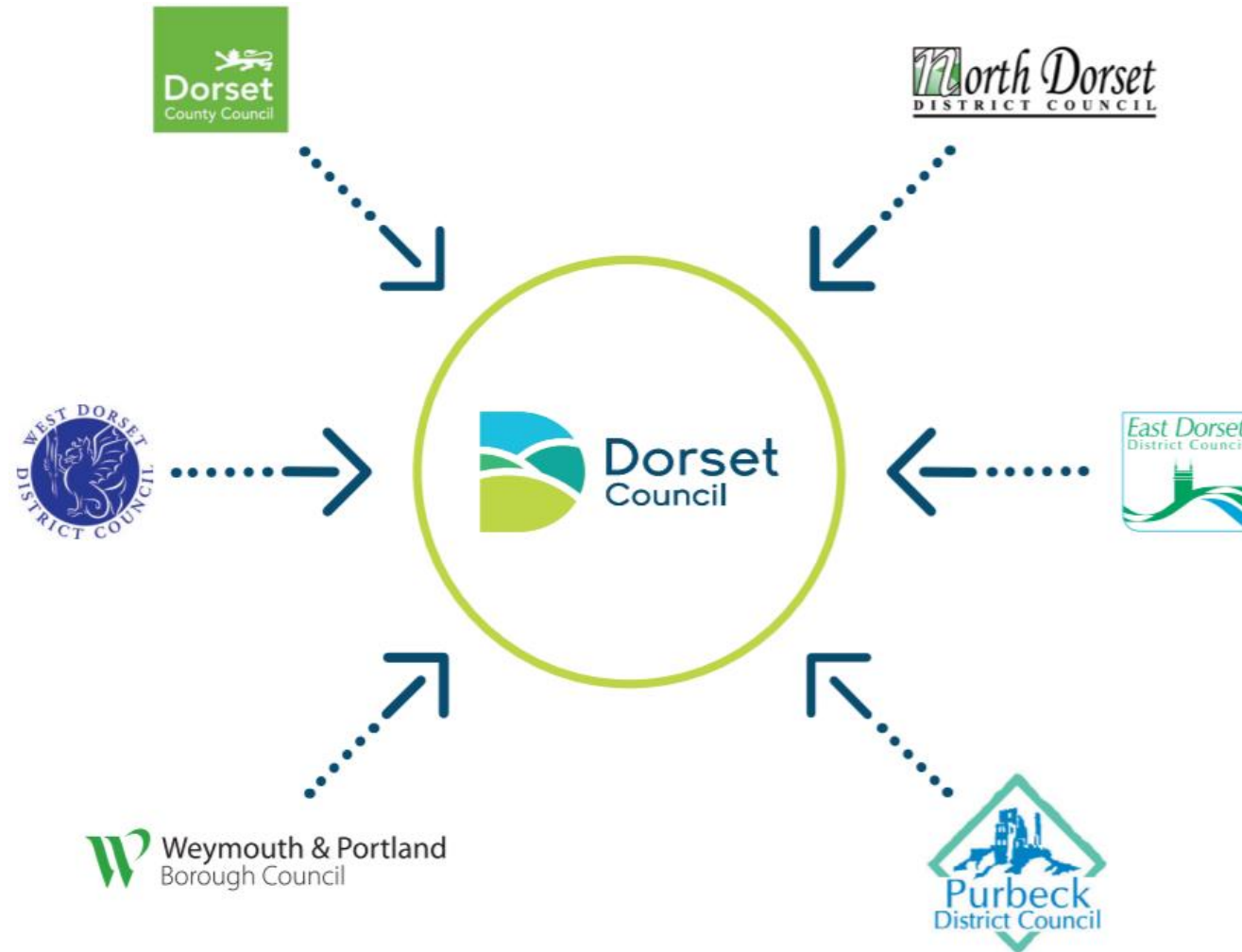
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Devolution & Democratising Services

Jack Wiltshire, Dorset County Council

Unitary Status 1 April 2019



The Working Together Initiative



Recognising that many of the ‘nice-to-have’ services affect the look and feel of Dorset’s towns and villages, Dorset Highways has created ways for town and parish councils to supplement these activities and carry out additional highway work in their area.



Andrew Martin...



We can afford to keep it safe, we can't afford to keep it pretty.

What options are there?



VOLUNTEERS



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Devolved Activities

Road Marking

Grass Cutting

Sign Cleaning

Grip Cutting

Side Verging

Finger Posts

Salting

Leaf Clearing

Sweeping

Painting

NOT Potholes

<https://modern.gov.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/documents/s4006/WorkingTogetherHighways.pdf>

SIDs

Agency Agreements



Dated 1st January 2020

DORSET COUNCIL
And
LYME REGIS COUNCIL

Agency Agreement

Under s.101 of the Local Government Act 1972 relating to specified highway functions

GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION

This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with English Law and the Parties hereby submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of English Courts.

and signed by the parties:

ET COUNCIL

Signature *J. Wilshire*
Name (printed) Jack Wilshire
Position Head of Highways
Dated 1 January 2020

Lyme Regis Town Council

Signature *John Wright*
Name (printed) John Wright
Position Town Clerk
Dated 01 January 2020

Who's signed up to an agency agreement?



Is it all plain sailing?

“THE cash-strapped county council is passing on responsibility for ‘non-essential’ highway maintenance services to town and parish councils.”

Bournemouth Echo 12.03.18.

“Overall enthusiasm for it is about zero and it is thought of as a price list of unaffordable services possibly with questionable delivery quality.”

Subsequently retracted and updated to, *“we’ve got to make a brochure and sell this!”*

A Dorset Councillor

Lessons Learnt

Comms needs to be right from the start. How commercial do you want to be?

Small parishes can lack the time, legal ability and resources to gain maximum benefit.



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Questions to the panel...

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Wrap Up & Close

Innovation Conference 2020

Wrap-Up

- **Wrap-Up**
 - Thoughts and observations.
 - Next session and individual follow-up sessions.
 - Becoming involved.
- **Accessing the tools, documents and case examples.**
 - All accessible via the ADEPT portal.
 - **Please do not share / distribute FHRG tools with commercial organisations.**

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Thank you for attending.

Safe onward journey.